

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9-11, 38, 39, and 42-44 are pending in the present application. In this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 38, 39, and 42 are amended and claims 12, 23-25, 36, 37, 40, 41, and 45-62 are canceled. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 1, 9, 12, 23-25, 36-42, and 45-62, prior to this Amendment, are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claims 1, 9, 38, 39, and 42 are amended and claims 12, 23-25, 36, 37, 40, 41, and 45-62 are canceled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the subject matter of the remaining claims. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 1, 9, 12, 23-25, 36-42, and 45-62, as presented prior to this Amendment, and any additional claims, in one or more continuing applications.

By this Amendment, independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 41 and the subject matter of intervening claim 40. Thus, all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 have been overcome by this amendment. Claims 9, 38, 39, and 42 are amended for clarification and to correct antecedent basis issues in view of the amendment to independent claim 1. No new matter has been added by any of the above amendments and the substance of these claims has not been altered by these amendments. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Telephone Interview

Applicants thank Examiner Patel for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during the April 7, 2008 telephone interview. During the telephone interview, Examiner Patel agreed that Applicants did not have to amend "if" to "when" as stated in the Final Office Action. Examiner Patel agreed that the claims as they currently stand are allowable. The substance of the telephone interview is summarized in the following remarks.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, Claim 1, 2, 4, 9-12, 23-25, and 36-62

The Office Action rejects claim 1, 2, 4, 9-12, 23-25, and 36-62 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is moot with regard to canceled claims 12, 23-25, 36, 37, 40, 41, and 45-62. The Office Action alleges that the limitation “may be” is indefinite. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to recite “...wherein the shared RIM device **is** shared between multiple user resources....” Therefore, the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 9-11, 38, 39, and 42-44 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph is overcome.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

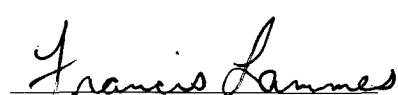
Applicants thank Examiner Patel for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 41, 43, 44, 48, 50, 51, 55, 57, and 58. By this Response, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter from claim 41 and the subject matter of intervening claim 40. Therefore, it is Applicants’ understanding that all of the claims now contain allowable subject matter and the application stands in condition for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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